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PARIS FOR US DELEGATION TO IBRD CONSULTATIVE GROUP MEETING ON
EGYPT

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SUBJECT: IBRD CONSULTATIVE GROUP MEETING ON EGYPT--QATARI VIEWS

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1. MAY 10 WAS FIRST OPPORTUNITY WE HAD TO DISCUSS CG MEETING
ON EGYPT WITH KEY GOQ OFFICIAL CONCERNED, WHO IS DIRECTOR OF
FINANCE ABD AL QADIR AL QADI. WE REVIEWED REFTEL POINTS WITH
HIM. QADI CONFIRMED GOQ'S OFTEN PUBLICLY AND PRIVATELY DECLARED
INTENTION TO CONTINUE TO BE FORTHCOMING ON AID FOR EGYPT, ALTHOUGH
HE REITERATED HIS PERSONAL RESERVATIONS BASED ON VIEW THAT "EGYPT
A BOTTOMLESS PIT." (QADI IS A PALESTINIAN WHO HAS NEVER MADE A
SECRET OF HIS SCEPTICISM ON AID TO EGYPT.)

2. WE EMPASIZED NEED AND UTILITY OF DONORS CONSULTING BOTH
WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF CG AND BILATERALLY ON CONTINUING BASIS, AND
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QADI READILY AGREED TO THIS.

3. RE PRESENT MEETING OF CG, QADI SAID GOQ BEING REPRESENTED BY
ALI AL KAWARI, WHO ISRAKITARI REP ON CODE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.
KAWARI ALREADY IN PARIS.

4. COMMENT: KAWARI IS DIRECTOR OF MARKETING FOR QATAR GENERAL

PETROLEUM CORPORATION, GOQ'S NATIONAL OIL ENTITY. ALTHOUGH HE MAY NOT BE FAMILIAR WITH FINANCIAL AFFAIRS, HE IS A TRAINED ECONOMIST, IS INTELLIGENT, SPEAKS ENGLISH WELL AND HAS HAD REGULAR CONTACT WITH EMBASSY. MOREOVER, HE IS REAL QATARI -- NORMALLY GOQ SENDS EXPATRIATE EXPERTS TO SUCH CONCLAVES. ALTHOUGH WE WOULD EXPECT GOQ TO ASSUME IT USUAL PASSIVE POSITION DURING CG DELIBERATIONS, BELIEVE USDEL WILL FIND KAWARI RECEPTIVE AND USEFUL CONTACT.
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